

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

**In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,  
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

) **Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S**  
) **MDL NO. 1373**

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**ENTRY FOR MARCH 19, 2002**

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a telephonic status conference regarding Ford's database production. The parties report that their consultants continue to discuss and resolve the remaining issues. The following specific issues were raised and discussed during the conference:

1. Ford has provided the plaintiffs with the syntactic information for the AWS database; the experts are addressing the issue of the semantic information the plaintiffs are seeking for AWS.
2. Ford now has produced the CQIS data in .cvs format. Ford reports that some of the CQIS data that was originally produced, specifically information in the warranty history field, may not be produced this time because it is automatically removed from CQIS after one year. The plaintiffs will discuss the import of this with their consultant and determine whether it poses any problem for them.
3. The parties' consultants will continue to discuss open issues regarding the GCARS, VSAD, and MORS databases.
4. Ford has been unable to ascertain the meaning of numbers that appear in the name and address fields for certain entries in the NAVIS database, but it believes those entries relate to vehicles that are driven by Ford employees. The plaintiffs will inform Ford if they determine that their analysis of the data requires additional information about these entries.
5. The parties are still working to resolve their dispute regarding the OASIS database and whether the plaintiffs wish to pursue having separate searches performed on that database.
6. All issues involving the blank data tapes and the NHTSA data mining production appear to have been resolved.
7. Ford's counsel has inquired about the existence of a "lessons learned" database and reports that no such database exists within Ford. Nevertheless, Ford will arrange a conference call between Richard Denney, counsel for plaintiffs, and Roger Burnette, a Ford engineer, and will contact

other appropriate individuals in order to further explore and hopefully resolve this issue.

7. Another telephonic conference to discuss any remaining issues regarding Ford's database production will be held on **Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 1:00**. Randy Riggs, counsel for Ford, will arrange the call and inform the court and liaison counsel of the arrangements.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2002.

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V. Sue Shields  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Southern District of Indiana

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